

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 634 - HB 973

April 3, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) from inspecting and investigating anonymous communications pertaining to water pollution or discharge. Requires complaints to include the name of complainant and certain information relating to TDEC findings concerning the watercourse.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact – According to TDEC, the federal government requires the Department to investigate information obtained by the public concerning suspected violations. If the Department were no longer able to investigate certain complaints, pursuant to the provisions of this bill, it would jeopardize up to \$2,000,000 in federal funds to the State.

Assumption:

- Any decrease in state expenditures due to the investigation of fewer complaints is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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